same lines as those adopted in Madras. The question of conducting a more systematic survey of these megalithic sites in the State was also under consideration.

749. A copper plate grant of Medakere Nayak, Paleygar of Chitaldrug, was collected during the year and arrangements were being made to collect and edit new inscriptions in various places of the State. Epigrapy.

750. The Department participated in the exhibition of Art and Archæology organised in connection with the Centenary celebrations of the Maharaja's College, Mysore, held during the month of January 1951. It also participated in the exhibitions recently held in connection with the Malnad Conference at Shimoga and the 38th Cattle Show at Hassan. Arrangements were made for the display of a typical and representative collection of antiquities, photographs of views of architecture and sculpture in Mysore, charts, maps, etc., at these exhibitions.

751. Printed copies of the revised edition of the guides to Belur, Halebid, and Talkad were made available for sale. Arrangements were also made to print the Tamil inscriptions of the supplementary volumes to the Epigraphia Carnatica series at Madras.

752. The expenditure of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 31,352. A sum of Rs. 403 was realised by the sale of the Departmental publications and photographs.

(iv) Stationery Depot.

753. The value of the stock of stationery articles at the Government Stationery Depot, Bangalore, at the beginning of the year was Rs. 1,35,853 (Rs. 2,54,348) and the value of additions made during the year amounted to Rs. 7,87,621 (Rs. 7,88,357) bringing the total stock at the end of the year to Rs. 9,23,474 (Rs. 10,42,705). The total cost of printing paper and stationery articles purchased during the year through the Stores Purchase Committee was Rs. 7,87,621 (Rs. 7,88,356).

754. The purchase of stationery articles, printing and writing papers and Mill boards was made through the Stores Purchase Committee. In a few cases, however, local purchases were made of small quantities of special varieties of stationery articles as a measure of emergency.

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755. The bulk of the requirements in respect of printing and writing papers and Mill boards was purchased from the Mysore Paper Mills, Ltd., as in the previous year.

756. The restoration of the economy cut ordered by Government in November 1949 in respect of the seven items of writing and duplicating papers referred to therein was continued to be operative during the year. As far as possible and consistent with quality, utility and rates, articles of Indian manufacture were purchased during the year in preference to articles of foreign manufacture in pursuance of the general policy enunciated by the Government of India. The supply of stationery articles to the several Municipalities and Local Boards on payment of cost was continued to be made during the year.

757. Articles of Mysore manufacture purchased during the year comprised the printing and writing papers from the Mysore Paper Mills, Ltd, Bhadravati, red tape and red ink powder from Messrs. Khoday Ribbon, Carbon and allied Industries, Bangalore City, cotton tags and candles from Messrs. Home Industries, Bangalore, liquid gum bottles from the Government Soap Factory, Bangalore, railway grade sealing wax from the Mysore Lac and Paint Works, Ltd., Mysore, lacquerware pen holders from Shree Toys Factory, Channapatna, bleached longcloth from Messrs. Khader Company, Bangalore City, and blotting pads from Messrs. Mahatma Cottage Industries, Shantigrama, Hassan District. The total value of these articles including cost, printing and writing papers amounted to Rs. 6,07,938 (Rs. 7,48,546).

(iii) Government Press.

758. The expenditure on the Government Central Press at Bangalore and the Branch Press at Mysore was Rs. 6,37,086 (Rs. 4,89,907) and Rs. 92,246 (Rs. 82,842) respectively.

759. The amount realised on account of subscription to the "Mysore Gazette" and advertisement and publication charges was Rs. 17,447 (Rs. 15,763).

Government Central Book Depot.

760. The publications of the Education Department, the Publicity Office, the Palace, the High Court of Mysore and the Red Cross Society, etc., were stocked and sold as usual at the Book Depot. The sale of educational publications